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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith is an Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed August 27, 2003.

Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 27, 2003 for three month(s) from November 27, 2003 to February 27, 2004.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$475.00 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment in the fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-2226. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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